the recommendations of the Committee and necessary guidelines have been issued for follow up action by all the concerned.

FAO aid for Poultry

2702. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether FAO is aiding the country for promoting Poultry farming in the country; and

(b) if so, the aid received from FAO so far and the amount spent in Andhra Pradesh from the aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) At present, there is no FAO project providing aid to the country for promoting poultry farming. However, FAO had earlier provided aid in the form of consultancy with the object to advise Government on future poultry and egg marketing policy.

(b) The FAO contribution was of the order of US $ 45000 for the whole project and no separate amount was earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Training courses for production technology in various crops

2703. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training courses for production technology in various crops have been conducted in the States; and

(b) if so, the details of the courses conducted and being conducted in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of RM (West) Bombay in NCCF

2704. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Regional Manager (West) Bombay is allegedly involved in the embezzlement case pertaining to his posting in Kolhapur Store;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has obtained anticipatory bail to avoid arrest; and

(c) if so, what are the considerations for allowing him to work against a key-post involving turnover of about Rs. 50 crore annually?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) A complaint has been received by the NCCF from the Kolhapur Wholesale Cooperative Store in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The officer has been given additional responsibility of Regional Manager (West) due to shortage of officers of this seniority in NCCF. It has been reported that the NCCF could not proceed against the officer as the Store in its complaint did not support the allegation with any enquiry report, documentary or other evidence. The Store has filed a complaint before the Judicial Magistrate, Kolhapur, and NCCF would ascertain the contents and progress of the case and take suitable action, as per the Rules.

Appraisal performance of Technology Mission on drinking water

2705. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any snap appraisal regarding

the performance of technology mission on drinking water;

(b) if so, whether any serious slippages have been observed in its progress;

(c) whether all the State Governments have prepared their sub-mission documents in accordance with the required schedule; and

(d) if not, the States which have failed in this respect and the action taken by Government to achieve the target by the end of the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Performance of Technology Mission on Drinking Water was recently reviewed in the Conference of Ministers, Secretaries and Chief Engineers Incharge of Rural Water Supply held at New Delhi on 13th and 14 October, 1988.

(b) There is no serious slippage. But the progress in implementation of some of the Mini Mission Project Areas (districts) is slow for various reasons. But all the Mini Missions have now completed their project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Except the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, the Sub Missions documents are awaited from the remaining States. However, activities on Sub Missions have already started in all States. Action Plan has been finalised in respect of States/UTs for coverage of residual problem villages in 1988-89 and 1989-90. Except for 3347 problem villages in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Meghalaya, J. & K. and Nagaland which are likely to spill over to the Eighth Plan, all other problem villages will be covered with safe drinking water facilities by the end of Seventh Plan.

Demand and production of Aluminium

2706. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of aluminium in the country at present;

(b) how much quantity of aluminium is needed for consumption in the country every year and what has been the shortfall in the last five years and the resultant imports during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to stop its import from the next year; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) During 1988-89, the total production of primary aluminium in the country is expected to be around 3,60,000 tonnes.

(b) The total availability of aluminium from 1984-85 to 1988-89 is as under:

(in 000' tonnes)

Year	Indigenous production	Imports by MMTC	Total availability
1984-85	276	47	323
1985-86	265	20	285
1986-87	257	65	322
1987-88	278	55	333
1988-89 (estimated)	360	..	360